

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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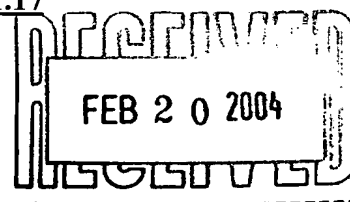
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For: METHOD FOR IN VITRO CULTURE OF VIRUSES OF THE TOGAVIRIDAE AND FLAVIVIRIDAE FAMILIES AND USES

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)
AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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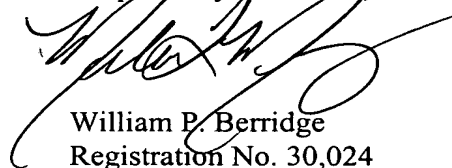


Sir:

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